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JEANETTE M.	WALLIS)	
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	Plaintiff,)	
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VS.)	Case No. 2:08-CV-1711
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BNSF RAILWAY)	
Delaware cor	poration)	
	Defendant.)	
	Derendant.).	
	Deposition Up	on Oral E	Examination
		of	
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	Taken at 1218 Th	ird Avenu	ue, 27th Floor
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wjungbauer@yjblaw.com For the Defendant: TOM MONTGOMERY	5
Montgomery Scarp MacDougall, PLLC Seattle Tower, 27th Floor	6 ELIZABETH ANN JACKSON, deponent herein, being first duly sworn on oath, was
1218 Third Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101	7 duly sworn on oath, was 8 examined and testified as
tom@montgomeryscarp_com	9 follows:
TERU OLSEN Ryan, Swanson & Cleveland, PLLC	10 11 EXAMINATION
1201 Third Avenue Suite 3400	12 BY MR. JUNGBAUER:
Seattle, Washington 98101-3034 olsen@ryanlaw.com	13 Q. Would you please state your full name for the record. 14 A. Elizabeth Ann Jackson.
Also Present: CHUCK HILLYARD JEANETTE WALLIS	Q. And what is your where do you live?
000	16 A. Spokane, Washington. 17 Q. What's your address?
	18 A. 2701 East 36th Avenue, Unit A, Spokane, 99223.
	19 Q. What is your position of employment? 20 A. Terminal manager.
	21 Q. Where?
	22 A. Spokane. 23 Q. How long have you been the terminal manager at
STARKOVICH REPORTING SERVICES	24 Spokane?
(206) 323-0919	25 A. Nine months.
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INDEX	1 Q. Before I go any further, have you ever had your
EXAMINATION BY: Page Mr. Jungbauer 4	2 deposition taken before? 3 A. No.
* * *	4 Q. Have you had a chance to talk to the lawyer,
EXHIBITS FOR IDENTIFICATION: Number Page	5 Mr. Montgomery, representing the BNSF about how this works? 6 A. Yes.
1 BNSF Northwest Division Safety Action	7 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the extent it calls
Plan 2008 23	8 for a response that evokes the attorney-client privilege, the 9 last part of it about how it works.
	10 Q. Sometimes okay. I will try to explain some things
	11 for you. First of all, we try to be as relaxed as we can in 12 here. The court reporter will be taking down what you say.
	13 About the only rules we have is we both can't talk at the same
	14 time. Is that understood?
	15 A. You and me? 16 Q. Yes.
	17 Å. Okay.
	18 Q. And secondly, if you don't understand some question 19 any question that I ask you, would you please let me know, and I
	20 will rephrase it or re-ask it. Is that understood?
	A. Yes.Q. Okay. And of course, if you need a break or whatever,
	23 just feel free to ask, and we will try to accommodate you.
STARKOVICH REPORTING SERVICES (206) 323-0919	24 A. Okay. 25 Q. All right? Good. What did you do to prepare for this

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1	deposition today?	1	form.
2	MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; assumes facts not in	2	
3	evidence.	3	
4	Q. Did you review any documents?	4	
5	A. No.	5	
6	Q. Are you familiar at all with any of the circumstances	6	
7	of Ms. Wallis's accident?	7	-
8	A. As far as what?	8	
9	Q. What, if any, information do you have?	9	
10	A. Regarding the injury	10	· - ·
11	Q. Yes.	11	
12	A itself?	12	
13	Q. Yes.	13	
14	A. Nothing.	14	
15	Q. Okay. What do you have information about?	15	
16	A. I don't have any information regarding	16	
17	Q. The accident, itself?	17	·
18	A Jeanette Wallis's accident.	18	
19	Q. Okay. Prior to being a terminal manager in Spokane,	19	
20	what other job what's the most previous job to that, that you	20	
21	had?	21	
22	A. I was a manager of safety.	22	
23	Q. For what territory?	23	,
24	A. For the Northwest Division,	24	
25	Q. What does the Northwest Division of BNSF encompass?	25	,
	Q. What does not not always a property of a		Q. Trible did you do that.
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1		١,	
1	A. It encompasses the states of Washington, Oregon, northern California, and part of Idaho.]	A. In Billings and Fort Worth.
3		2	8 1 1
	Q. How long were you the manager of safety of the Northwest Division?	3	you, if anything, with the railroad?
5	A. Approximately one year eight months.	4	A. I was not with the railroad.
6	Q. Were you the manager of safety at the time of	5	Q. Okay. What did you do prior to working for the railroad?
7	Ms. Wallis's accident?	6	
8		8	A. I went to school.
9			Q. Where did you go?
1	Q. So safety would have been in the territory where she was working would have been under your partially under	9 10	
10	your jurisdiction at that time?		, , ,,b
12	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.	11	-
1 1 /.	MIC. MONTOUMER I. Object to the form.	12	A LES
	O Vou can answer	12	
13	Q. You can answer.	13	Q. And what is your degree?
13 14	A. Can you say that again?	14	Q. And what is your degree?A. Business administration degree.
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Elizabeth Jackson May 20, 2010 Page 10 Page 12 Q. Can you give me a guess? A. No. I don't believe so. 1 MR. MONTGOMERY: Don't guess. 2 Did you have anything to do with rehabilitation? 2 3 Q. Well, your best educated -- if you can tell me now, do 3 4 you remember any other people in the class? You used the word O. Did you have anything to do with safety at that time? 5 "we." 5 A. No. 6 A. Yes, there were other people in my class. 6 Q. What were your job duties as a trainee in Billings? Q. Did you have formal classroom training? 7 Learning railroad. 7 8 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. MR. MONTGOMERY: What did you say? Oh, learning 8 9 railroad. 9 A. What do you mean by "formal classroom training"? 10 THE WITNESS: Learning railroad. 10 Q. Well, did you ever get any manuals or written materials from the company when you were doing your management 11 O. Did you ever go out in yards and look at equipment? 11 12 12 training? A. Yes. 13 A. Yes. 13 Q. And who took you out there to do that? 14 Q. Okay. What types of materials did they give you? 14 A. There were numerous people that I worked with, and I A. I can't remember. 15 cannot remember all of their names. 15 Q. Do you have any of them still? Did you keep your 16 Q. Okay. At some point in time, you get sent to Havre, 16 17 Montana; is that correct? 17 materials? A. Yes. 18 18 A. No. Q. It's a great place, isn't it? You don't have to 19 19 Q. What did you do with them? 20 A. Between moves from Fort Worth to Billings and other 20 say -subsequent moves, I don't have them anymore. 21 MR. MONTGOMERY: You don't have to answer that. 21 Q. Okay. Who did you work with in Billings, Montana? 22 I will instruct you not to answer. 22 23 23 A. Who did I work with? Q. Was this a promotion, going to Havre, Montana? 24 Q. Yes. 24 A. Yes. 25 Q. Okay. And so you were a terminal trainmaster at 25 MR. MONTGOMERY: Are you determined to make this Page 13 Page 11 Havre? be a two-hour deposition even though she doesn't really know much about this case? A. Yes. 2 3 Q. What were your job duties? 3 MR. JUNGBAUER: I have a lot to ask her. A. I worked with yardmasters and train crews regarding 4 MR. MONTGOMERY: Good. You get to it. 4 trains coming into and out of the terminal. 5 MR. JUNGBAUER: I am trying. 5 MR. MONTGOMERY: Who did she work with in Q. Did you have any responsibility for safety? 6 Billings? 7 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 7 8 A. Safety as far as what? 8 MR. JUNGBAUER: What's that? Q. What I am -- I will tell you where I am going with 9 MR. MONTGOMERY: It would be nice if you would 9 10 this. At some point in time, you're going to end up being a 10 get to what counts. manager of safety, and I am trying to see what, if any, safety MR. JUNGBAUER: We've got two hours until the 11 training you got by BNSF prior to becoming manager of safety, 12 next witness. 13 okay? 13 MR. MONTGOMERY: That's my point, Bill. I don't think you need to use the two hours just because she is here. 14 A. (Nodded.) 14 15 Q. That's where I am going. So why don't you tell me --15 MR. JUNGBAUER: No, no. in fact, let's just do it that way. What, if any, training did MR. MONTGOMERY: I have stated my position. 16 Burlington Northern Santa Fe give to you regarding safety or Q. All right. Why don't you tell me who you worked with 17 17

- 18 in Billings.
- 19 I worked with Kelly Duryea (ph).
- 20 Q. And who is Kelly?
- General director of transportation. 21
- 22 Q. Okay. Who else?
- 23 Anybody that was at their division headquarters.
- Q. Did you ever run into Tom Goetz over there? He is a 24
- 25 rehab guy.

- accident prevention prior to you becoming a safety manager? 18
 - A. Okav. Now that I understand.
 - Q. Yes. That's where I am trying to go with all of this.
- 21 A. Okay. When I accepted the position as manager of
- safety in Seattle, I was given some training in Fort Worth 22
- 23 regarding -- regarding our Safety Action Plan; regarding -- I am
- 24 trying to think of exactly what-all they taught us, but I can't
- remember all the specifics of what they taught us. 25

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1 2 3 4 4 5 6 6 7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22	Q. Who was doing the teaching in Fort Worth for safety training for you? A. Well, there is a Safety Department, and there were multiple people in that department. Q. Who do you remember? A. Dan Rourke. Q. And what's his position? MR. MONTGOMERY: What was his position at the time? MR. JUNGBAUER: What was, yes. A. I don't know his I don't know his formal title. Q. Okay. But he was one of the instructors? A. Correct. Q. Okay. And he was in Fort Worth? A. Yes. Q. Do you know where he is today? A. In Fort Worth. Q. Still? A. (Nodded.) Q. Do you know what his job is now? MR. MONTGOMERY: Assumes facts not in evidence. MR. JUNGBAUER: I am asking what she knows.	Division Safety Action Plan? A. How so? Q. Did you do anything? Did you go to meetings? Did you talk to people? Did you help put the program together? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. A. No. Q. What, if any, function would you have with regard to a Safety Action Plan? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. A. I did the formatting. Q. What's that? A. I would make sure that all the fonts was the same size. Q. For typing it, you mean? A. Correct. Q. Okay. Did you write any of the items in the Safety Action Plan? A. No. Q. Who did the writing for the Safety Action Plan? MR. MONTGOMERY: Foundation. A. Fort Worth. Q. Okay. So safety people in Fort Worth?
23 24 25	MR. JUNGBAUER: I am asking what she knows. MR. MONTGOMERY: I know. Assumes he has a job now. MR. JUNGBAUER: Okay.	23 A. Correct. 24 Q. Did Dan Rourke have any input into the Safety Action 25 Plan?
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1 2 3 4 5 6	 Q. He is in Fort Worth. Is he working for the company? MR. MONTGOMERY: Foundation. A. Yes. Q. Okay. Now we got that. What does he do for the company? A. He works in safety. 	1 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation. 2 A. I don't know. 3 Q. Did you ever when you were safety manager for the 4 Northwest Division, did you ever talk to anybody in the Safet 5 Department in Fort Worth? 6 A. Yes.
7 8 9 10 11 12 13 14	 Q. And what does he do in safety? A. I don't know his title, and I don't know all of his job roles and responsibilities. Q. Okay. Did he ever give you any written materials in your training for regarding safety at BNSF? A. Dan Rourke? Q. I could make it easier. Did anyone give you any written materials? 	7 Q. Who did you talk to down there? 8 A. I talked to numerous people. 9 Q. Well, tell me who. 10 A. I would talk to Dan Rourke. 11 Q. Okay. 12 A. I would talk to Gene Welander. 13 Q. Do you remember what Mr. Welander's position was? 14 A. No. I do not know his formal title.
15 16 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25	A. And that's what I am trying to remember. You're given, yes, various material, but I don't remember specifically what I was given. Q. You have seen the Northwest Division Safety Action Plans for different years, I assume? A. Yes. Q. Okay. What is a Safety Action Plan? A. It is a plan that the division uses as our roadmap to various safety functions. Q. When you were the manager of safety for the Northwest Division, would you assist in putting together the Northwest	15 Q. Okay. But he is also is he still at Fort Worth, 16 also? 17 MR. MONTGOMERY: Foundation. 18 A. No. 19 Q. Did he retire? 20 A. Yes. 21 Q. Okay. But did he retire after you left the manager 22 position, or when did he retire? 23 A. It was during my manager of safety position. 24 Q. Okay. Do you know who took his place? 25 A. Eric Weber.

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1	Q. And is Mr. Weber still in Fort Worth?	1	Q. Okay.
2	MR. MONTGOMERY: Foundation.	2	A. Greg Gordley.
3	A. Yes.	3	Q. Would you spell "Gordley."
4	Q. Anyone else you talked to down there besides	4	A. G-o-r-d-l-e-y.
5	Mr. Rourke, Mr. Welander, and Mr. Weber?	5	Q. Okay.
6	A. Kevin Wilde.	6	A. And Jeff Gion.
7	Q. That's one you've got to spell for me. Could you	7	Q. Would you spell Jeff's last name.
8	spell that.	8	A. G-i-o-n.
9	A. K-e-v-i-n.	9	Q. G-i-o-n, okay. Where was Mr. Brandenburg located?
10	Q. That one, I could figure out. A. Wilde, W-i-l-d-e.	10	A. (No response.) Q. I can maybe shorten this up. Are these four so-called
11 12	A. Wilde, W-i-l-d-e.Q. Okay. Do you know what his position of employment	12	safety coordinators union members appointed by a general
13	was?	13	chairman?
14	A. I don't know his formal title.	14	A. Yes, they are.
15	Q. Okay. Anyone else besides Mr. Wilde in Fort Worth	15	Q. So they are union guys that are kind of working as
16	that you talked to as when you were manager of safety?	16	liaisons with you?
17	A. Gosh, there were a lot of people.	17	A. Correct.
18	Q. Did they	18	Q. Okay. Do you know which general chairman appointed
19	A. I can't remember everybody.	19	them? Were they different unions or
20	Q. Okay. When you were manager of safety, did the	20	A. I do not know.
21	company ever call you in to meetings in Fort Worth?	21	Q. Okay. Were they paid separately for this position?
22	A. Regarding what?	22	MR. MONTGOMERY: Form, foundation.
23	Q. Safety.	23	Q. If you know.
24	A. What part of safety?	24	A. I don't know.
25	Q. Did you ever travel to Fort Worth while you were	25	Q. Other than the safety coordinators and the safety
	Page 19		Page 21
1	manager of safety to attend any meetings?	1	did all the safety managers go to these safety summits?
2	A. Yes.	2	A. Yes.
3	Q. How often?	3	Q. And would there be one for each how many safety
4	A. Once a quarter.	4	managers were there at that time?
5	Q. Okay. And what would happen at these quarterly	5	A. One for each division.
6	meetings? A. The quarterly meetings were a a safety summit	6 7	Q. And how many divisions do you have did you have? MR. MONTGOMERY: You mean the railroad?
8	A. The quarterly meetings were a a safety summit meeting.	8	MR. JUNGBAUER: Yes.
9	Q. All right. Who was at the safety summit?	9	A. Thirteen.
10	A. Safety coordinators.	10	Q. Yeah. Okay. And so then who would be in charge of
11	Q. Is that different from the safety manager?	11	the 13 safety managers at that time?
12	A. Yes.	12	A. Each safety manager worked with a general manager.
13	Q. Okay. Who is the safety coordinator for your	13	Q. General manager?
14	territory?	14	A. Correct.
15	MR. MONTGOMERY: Who was at the time?	15	Q. Okay. And would that be an operating person, or is
16	Q. Who was at the time?	16	that a general manager of safety?
17	A. There were four.	17	A. That is a general manager of each division.
18	Q. And who were they?	18	Q. Okay. So like in the Northwest Division, who would
19	A. Steve Brandenburg.	19	you have been working with?
20	Q. Could you spell that.	20	A. Doug Jones.
21 22	A. B-r-a-n-d-e-n-b-e-r-g (sic). Q. Okay.	21 22	Q. Right. And he is an operations person, correct?A. I don't know if he is operations. He is over the
23	Q. Okay. A. Terry Reddish.	23	entire division.
24	Q. Spell "Reddish," please.	24	Q. That's what I mean. Okay. So he runs the whole he
25	A. R-e-d-d-i-s-h.	25	runs the division, correct?

No

Page 22 Page 24 Correct. safety goals. Did you have division safety goals when you were 2 Q. Okay. And you're the top safety person in the 2 safety manager? 3 Northwest Division at that time? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Incomplete MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 4 A. Yes. I was the manager of safety working with Doug Jones. 5 Q. Okay. And who came up with what the goals were for question Okay. Was there anybody employed by Burlington your -- for the Northwest Division, as far as safety goals? 6 6 Northern Santa Fe assigned to the BNSF Northwest Division in the 7 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation. 8 role of safety that's higher than you at that time? 8 The general manager. 9 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 9 So that would be Doug Jones? 10 10 No. Okay. And according to page 2 of Exhibit 1, there is 11 Q. Okay. Did you have anyone from Burlington Northern 11 Q. 12 Santa Fe working for you in the Northwest Division when you were 12 a reportable injury frequency ratio 1.65. Do you know what that 13 general manager of safety? 13 14 14 A. Yes. A. No. 15 15 Q. Okay. What were your job duties as general manager of Q. Why don't you tell us what that is. 16 safety? 16 A. It is the number of injuries multiplied by man hours 17 A. I was not general manager of safety. divided by 200,000. Q. Excuse me. Manager of safety. I apologize. You're Q. Okay. And that's a ratio of injuries to workman hours 18 Incomplete; 19 right. As manager of safety, what was your -- what were your that Mr. Jones and your Safety Action Plan was trying to set as 19 lo answer 20 job duties? a goal? MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation. 21 A. I would attend safety meetings and promote the Safety 21 22 22 Action Plan. A. Can you rephrase that question? 23 Q. Okay. Anything else? 23 Q. Sure. If I am looking at this Northwest Safety Goals, 24 A. I would report injuries and incidents to Fort Worth. 24 there is three different things listed there. The first one is 25 Q. Okay. Anything else? reportable injury frequency ratio of 1.65. That's one of the Page 23 Page 25 goals, correct, for that year? A. No. MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation. 2 Q. Okay. I am going to show you -- we will mark this as 3 And for the record, you're a far cry at this point from whether Exhibit 1. 4 (Exhibit 1 marked for 4 or not BNSF is liable for her injuries and, if so, what her 5 identification.) 5 damages are. MR. JUNGBAUER: I am sure trying to find out 6 Q. Okay. Showing you what's been marked as Exhibit 1. 7 what she does as a safety manager, and then we are going to get Could you tell us what that is. 8 8 A. It says "BNSF Northwest Division Safety Action Plan there. 2008." 9 9 MR. MONTGOMERY: It would be delightful to get Q. And so there would be a Safety Action Plan for each 10 there. 10 11 11 calendar year? MR. JUNGBAUER: Huh? A. That is correct. MR. MONTGOMERY: It would be delightful to get 12 12 13 13 Q. Okay. And is this the type of plan that you would there. have promoted, as you describe as part of your job duties as a 14 MR. JUNGBAUER: Come on, Tom. I have been 14 15 15 manager of safety? through 14-hour depositions with you. I am only doing two with A. Yes. 16 her. 16 Can I see that, please. 17 MR. MONTGOMERY: Okay. Fed. R. 18 Evid. 402 18 (Witness complies.) MR. JUNGBAUER: Okay. 19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Sure be a lot easier if you Q. So can you tell -- and then there is a second -- do brought copies for everybody, counselor. 20 you see that there is three goals listed here on the second 20 21 21 MR. JUNGBAUER: Off the record. page? 22 22 (Discussion off the record.) A. Yes. 23 MR. JUNGBAUER: Back on the record. 23 Q. All right. And would you read what those three goals are for your Safety Action Plan. 24 Q. On the first page, it talks about -- of Exhibit --24 25 A. It states, "Northwest Division Safety Goals, 25 it's actually page 2 of Exhibit 1. There are safety -- division

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	1	reportable injury frequency ratio of 1.65."	1	Q. Do you have any training actual courses that you	
Fed. R. Evid.	2	Q. Okay. What's the second thing; goal?	2 1	have taken in accident prevention?	
402	3	A. "Lost workdays/restricted severity ratio, 50."	3	MR. MONTGOMERY: Same objection.	
	4	Q. What's that?	4	A. Again my question is: What do you mean by "formal"?	
	5	A. It is calculated as the number of days an employee	5	Q. Classroom training with books or materials.	Fed. R.
	6	misses work due to an injury, multiplied by man hours, divided	6	A. Held by?	Evid.
	7	by 200,000.	7	Q. Anyone. National Safety Council, BNSF, AAR, anybody.	402
	8	Q. Okay. So is the number total number of workdays on	8	A. I have not attended official training classes held by	
	9	that ratio for the year is your goal 50 for 2008?	9 1	the National Safety Council	-
	10	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation.	10	Q. Okay.	
	11	A. No.	11	A or the AAR.	1
	12	Q. What was the goal?	12	Q. And for purposes of the record, "AAR" is what?	1
	13	A. This is a ratio.	13	Association	
	14	Q. Oh, it's a ratio, okay. And what's the third goal?	14	A. Association of	
	15	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.	15	Q. American Railroads?	
	16	A. "Reduce HF rail equipment incidents by 20 percent."	16	A. That is correct.	
	17	Q. And what are HF rail incidents?	17	Q. That's an industry association of all the major	
	18	A. "HF" means human factor.		railroads?	
	19	Q. Uh-huh. That's a "Yes." Okay. And how were you	19	A. Correct.	
	20 21	going to go about reducing human factor rail incidents by 20 percent?	20	Q. Including BNSF?	
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question		incidents.	24	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.	
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- A. I am not sure how you mean "root cause analysis."
- Q. Have you ever heard of "job safety analysis"?
- A.

Q. So is it fair to say that no one taught you, prior to you becoming safety manager for the Northwest Division of Burlington Northern Santa Fe, what "job safety analysis" was?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Assumes facts not in evidence,

8 form.

> A. Correct.

Okay. Is it also true, then, that no one taught you, prior to you becoming safety manager at Burlington Northern Northwest Division, what "root cause analysis" is?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Assumes facts not in evidence,

14 form.

Correct.

Did anyone teach you at -- prior to becoming safety 17 manager for the Northwest Division at Burlington Northern Santa Fe, how to study and determine whether or not the training that 18 employees such as hostlers are getting is sufficient or insufficient from a safety point of view?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Could you read that back? I am sorry. I don't want to do spurious objections. Can I hear that again?

24 (The last question was read.)

MR. MONTGOMERY: Thank you. Object to the form.

O. Yes.

A. Yes. I am aware of that.

3 Q. Okay. From a safety point of view, did anyone ever teach you whether -- what the safety implications of reducing 5 crewmembers are?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; assumes facts not in evidence.

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8 A. No.

9 Q. As a safety manager, did you ever study to see whether or not there were enough people on crews for everyone to safely 10 11 do their job?

A. No. 12

> Q. Do you -- as a safety manager in the BNSF Northwest Division, did you do any type of auditing to see whether or not crewmembers -- hostlers and hostler helpers, for instance, or even train crewmembers -- had received enough training so that they would know the radio rules and hand signal rules of GCOR?

18 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes

19 facts not in evidence. 20

A. No. I did not look at their training.

21 Q. Okay. Do you know what "GCOR" is?

A. Yes.

23 O. What is GCOR?

> General Code of Operating Rules. A.

All right. Are you familiar with those rules?

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A. Correct.

2 Q. Okay. I don't understand what you mean by "correct."

So did somebody teach you how to do that; how to --

A. No.

Q. Okay. If no one taught you how to study or determine whether or not the training that hostlers and hostler helpers got, whether it's sufficient enough to do a safe job, then how do you know that it -- that safety is being promoted on your railroad in your territory?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes facts not in evidence. To some extent, argumentative. Go ahead.

That was not my job.

Q. Whose job was it from a safety point of view to check and see whether or not the training that hostlers and hostler helpers were getting was sufficient or not?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation, form.

A. I do not know.

19 Q. And the railroad -- your -- Burlington Northern Santa 20

Fe has reduced the number of train crews over the years. Are you aware of that? They have gone from five people to four to

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22 three to two? Have you learned that?

23 A. On a train?

24 Q. Yes.

25 A. The crew that runs the train? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

Q. As a safety manager, were you familiar with those rules?

4 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

A. Yes.

Q. If -- under the GCOR rules, if an employee of BNSF is 6

7 operating -- a hostler is operating a set of engines, or a

consist, and that movement is being directed by a hostler helper 8

9 by hand signals, if the person that's giving the hand signals

10 goes out-of-sight, what, if anything, does that mean from a 11 safety point of view?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 12 13 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation.

A. That was a very long question with different scenarios 14

15 in there, so I did not follow the entire --

16 Q. Okay.

A. -- question.

18 Q. I will do it again. In fact, I am going to ask you to

19 assume that in Ms. Wallis's situation, that there are three

20 locomotives. And you know that's called a consist if they are

21 put together, correct?

22 A, Correct.

23 Q. Have you ever heard that term?

24 A. (Nodded.)

25 Q. So we have a consist of three locomotives, and these

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locomotives are being moved around in a rail yard by a hostler and a hostler helper. You understand what those terms are? 2

3 A. (Nodded.)

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

A. Yes.

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Q. Okay. Now, if the hostler is operating, or

7 controlling, the locomotives, and the hostler helper is

directing the movement by hand signals, and if the hostler 8

helper for some reason cannot see -- if the hostler cannot see

10 the hostler helper who is giving directions, what, under the 11

rules, is the hostler supposed to do, if anything?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation.

A. In that situation, I do not know. There are multiple 14 15 factors that could have caused -- or be the resultant of a

hostler helper -- pardon me. Of the hostler not being able to 16

17 see the hostler helper. 18

Q. So from a safety point of view, do you think it's okay for a train to keep moving if the person who is giving hand 19 20

signals goes out-of-view?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,

22 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. 23

A. I don't believe, in the situation that you presented

to me, that I can draw a full educated decision. 24 25

Q. Okay. What would -- if anything, would you instruct

Q. Wouldn't you consider the safety of your employees as your job as a safety manager?

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes

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5 A. Can you ask --

MR. MONTGOMERY: Go ahead. I am sorry. It

means I don't have to object again if you're going to ask him to 7

repeat it or rephrase it.

Q. Are the rules that the company has something just to

punish employees, or is it to make the railroad safer, or both?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes facts not in evidence. Certainly is argumentative.

A. The rules are in place not as a punishment.

14 Q. Okay. Are they there for safety?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

A. They are there as a guideline to instruct employees on

how to perform their various job tasks. 17

Q. From a safety point of view, do you agree with the 18 19 statement you just made that the safety rules are guidelines for

20 employees?

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, 22 mischaracterizes her earlier testimony, assumes facts not in 23 evidence, argumentative.

24 A. They are -- they are safety. Can you ask me that

25 again?

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- your people in the Northwest Division when you were the safety
- manager when you'd go around and try to teach people about
- safety, if that question came up -- for instance, if Sue Duff,
- 4 who is a hostler in your territory, were to have asked you,
- 5 "Hey, if I am operating an engine, and I am working with Jen
- Wallis, and she is giving me hand signals, if she goes 6
- 7 out-of-view, what are my obligations," would you be able to tell

8 her?

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9 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, assumes

facts not in evidence, calls for speculation, incomplete 10

11 hypothetical, and argumentative.

A. I do not know Sue Duff, and it was not my 12

13 responsibility, when I was going around talking about safety, to

discuss situations such as this. 14

Q. Whose responsibility in the Northwest Division was it to go around and talk about safety of those -- of that type of rule of whether to stop a movement or not stop a movement if someone goes out of view? If it's not your responsibility from

18 19 safety, whose job was it?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation, form.

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MR. MONTGOMERY: Assumes facts not in evidence.

23 Sorry. It takes awhile to filter through it all.

A. There are two different departments: Rules and

25 Safety.

MR. JUNGBAUER: I will ask the court reporter to 2 read it back to you, please.

(The last question was read.)

MR. MONTGOMERY: Same objections.

5 A. The safety rules are guidelines for employees. The

General Code of Operating Rules is a guideline to perform their

job tasks.

8 Q. Are they rules or are they guidelines? Do you know 9 the difference?

10 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, incomplete hypothetical. 11

A. They are rules.

Okay. So they are not guidelines? 13

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

15 A. Correct.

Q. All right. Now that we know that they are -- that the 16

17 GCOR rules are rules and not guidelines, what, if anything, did

you as a safety person do to make sure that your employees such 18

19 as hostlers and hostler helpers understood fully the rules so

20 they could comply with them?

21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes 22 facts not in evidence.

23 A. It was not my job to ensure that employees knew and 24 conformed to the GCOR.

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Q. Whose job was it?

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MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation and asked and answered, as was the previous question. 2

- A. It would be those employees' supervisors.
- 4 Q. From an overall safety point of view, if you're trying
- to reduce the number of accidents, wouldn't you as the overall
- safety manager for the whole Northwest Division want to make 6
- sure that the supervisors who are instructing hostlers, hostler 7
- helpers, or train crews are doing so in a good manner to make 8
- sure that all the employees fully understand the rules?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Incomplete 10 11 hypothetical. Answer if you can.

- 12 A. It is the employees' supervisor to -- the employees' 13 supervisor's responsibility to ensure that those employees know 14 and understand the rules.
 - Q. But the Safety Department doesn't monitor to see whether or not the supervisors are doing a good job at that? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.
- 18 A. No.

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19 What is oversight process in a Safety Action Plan?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Do you want to show it to her;

MR. JUNGBAUER: That's stuff about Canada. I

MR, MONTGOMERY: Oh. See if -- okay. Same one?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Okay. So you're asking her

MR. MONTGOMERY: -- even though on page 4 is

MR. MONTGOMERY: All right, I will just object

MR. JUNGBAUER: She can go anywhere she wants in

MR. JUNGBAUER: Page 6 of Exhibit 1.

the whole exhibit. I want to know about the oversight process

A. The oversight process is a section of the Safety

Plan, you would also promote oversight, wouldn't you?

A. Oversight of the Safety Action Plan or --

A. -- oversight of the oversight process?

Q. Okay. Well, when you testified earlier that part of

your job as a safety manager was to promote the Safety Action

Q. Oversight of -- the oversight process of employees.

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didn't ask about that.

This is Exhibit 1?

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to the form.

Q. Yes.

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in the Safety Action Plan.

MR. JUNGBAUER: Sure.

23 Q. Page 6.

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MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, and the

25 document speaks for itself. Let's go back. I just want to flip

MR. JUNGBAUER: Yes.

Wouldn't you as promoting the Safety Action Plan be promoting

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2 oversight of employees?

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

A. No.

- 5 Q. Okay. May I see that, please? Have you -- do you
- know what the Risk Identification Process and Work Practice 6
- 7 Observation -- and that's where I was on page 6. Do you know
- 8 what those two programs were, under the Safety Action Plan?
 - A. Yes.
- 10 O. What are they?
 - A. Risk Identification Process and Work Practice
- Observations are programs in which union employees work with 12
- 13 other union employees to identify practices that may be unsafe. 14 Q. So if a union employee such as my client, Ms. Wallis,
- were to think there were unsafe practices and were to tell 15
- management about that, what is management supposed to do if a 16
- 17 union employee tells management there is possible unsafe

18 practices out there?

19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,

incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. 20

A. In the situation that you provided me, that does not 21

22 fall under the guidelines --

- 23 Q. Okay.
 - A. -- of either one of these.
- 25 Q. So let's say that an employee such as Ms. Wallis

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believes that some of the employees in the hostler training

program are not getting enough training, and she tells people

that. Is there anybody in the Safety Department that would look 3

4 into that complaint?

5 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, calls for speculation, incomplete hypothetical. 6

7 A. It would only come to the Safety Department if we were 8 notified.

9 Q. By management?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Same objections.

- A. Do you mean by her management? 11
- Q. Yes. Well, if Ms. Wallis complains to someone who is 12
- one of her bosses, whose job is it to let the Safety Department 13
- 14 know of the problem?

15 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,

incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. 16

- A. As I previously stated, there is a Safety Department, 17
- and there is a Rules Department. Training and rules falls under 18
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- 20 Ms. Wallis was to raise a concern, as you stated, to her
- supervisor, the avenue would not be the Safety Department. 21

the Rules Department, not under the Safety Department. So if

- 22 Q. As a safety manager, do you think that you have any
- ability to listen to complaints of someone such as Ms. Wallis 23 24 who says, "Hey, I don't think these people are getting enough
- 25 training" -- hostlers -- or would you say, "Not my job; go talk

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Page 42 Page 44 to the Rules Department"? factor" as types of accidents, or types of causes of accidents, MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; form, foundation, 2 2 correct? 3 3 calls for speculation, incomplete hypothetical, and MR. MONTGOMERY: I believe she was referring to 4 argumentative. 4 a document. Object to the form. 5 A. So you're asking me if I have the ability to listen? 5 Q. You're familiar with the term "human factor 6 Q. Do you have the ability to act, or would you -- is it accidents," correct? 7 really not your job to do anything about that if Ms. Wallis or A. Correct. her supervisor were to have said to you, "Hey, here is what Q. All right. Isn't it true under federal FRA rules that happened. We have got a complaint about a possible lack of if the railroad claims an accident is caused by human factors, training, or insufficient training"? Doesn't the Safety 10 that the railroad has an obligation to let the employee or 10 Department have any way to say to the Rules Department, "Hey, employees who the railroad claims caused the human factor 11 11 12 guys, we want to look into this"? 12 accident to notify them in writing so that they can respond 13 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 13 under Form 6 -- FRA Form 6180? 14 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. 14 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form and 15 A. In this completely hypothetical situation, if an 15 foundation. A. I believe so, but I am -- that's not my job. 16 employee came to me with a concern regarding training, I would 16 help them get in touch with the Rules Department and the persons 17 Q. Whose job is it at Burlington Northern Santa Fe to let 17 18 who are responsible for training. 18 employees know -- an employee or employees know -- that they are 19 Q. Well, you have got a national Safety Department at 19 being listed with the government as having made -- caused a 20 20 human factor accident so they can say, "Hey, it wasn't my fault, BNSF, correct? 21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 21 it was something else"? 22 22 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, Q. I mean, there is systemwide safety people such as 23 Mr. Rourke, Mr. -- all the people down there in Fort Worth? 23 assumes facts not in evidence. 24 A. Correct. 24 A. That would be the reporting center in Fort Worth. 25 Q. Does -- do the people on the system level, the safety 25 Q. Okay. So there is someone who is supposed to let the Page 43 Page 45 people, actually do any type of safety analysis to see whether employees know if they are claiming a human factor accident, 2 the supervisors and managers at BNSF are running a safe railroad 2 correct? 3 or not? 3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 4 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation. assumes facts not in evidence. A. This is not my area of expertise. 5 A. That was not my job, and I do not know every job task 5 6 that system safety employees do. Q. From a safety point of view, how do you know if an 6 7 Q. When you went to these quarterly meetings in Fort 7 accident is caused by human factors or not? 8 Worth, did anyone ever say at a quarterly meeting, "Hey, we in 8 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 9 the Safety Department are really encouraging better training, 9 assumes facts not in evidence, calls for speculation, and it would be nice to take a break soon. 10 better rules compliance out in -- out in the field"? Did 10 11 anybody ever say that to you? 11 MR. JUNGBAUER: As soon as she answers this 12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, 12 auestion. 13 argumentative. 13 A. Can you ask me that question again? 14 That is really broad. 14 (The last question was read.) 15 Q. Okay. Let me ask it a different way. Do you know of 15 MR. MONTGOMERY: Same objections, of course. any accident prevention program that BNSF had while you were 16 A. It was not my job to decide whether an accident was safety manager that would help reduce accidents caused by 17 caused by human factor. failure to comply with rules by a hostler? 18 18 Q. Who does decide that? 19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 19 A. Whoever the investigating officer is. 20 incomplete hypothetical. 20 Q. Are you aware that management personnel at BNSF are

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A. No.

Okay.

23 MR. MONTGOMERY: Could we take a break soon? 24 MR. JUNGBAUER: Yes. I will finish this. 25

Q. Now, you know that -- you used the term earlier "human

given bonuses if their accident ratio comes within the goals of

Q. It's called an incentive -- ICP bonus. Have you ever

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation.

the Safety Action Plan or not?

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	1	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,	1	MR. JUNGBAUER: No problem.	No
	2	assumes facts not in evidence.	2	Q. During the break, I took a look at Exhibit 1. And on	testimony
Fed. R.	3	A. You asked me several questions.	3	page 9, on the "Oversight Process Continued," it's got a bunch	Fed. R. Evid.
Evid. 402	4	Q. Yes. Do you know what an ICP bonus is?	4	of jobs that a division manager of safety is supposed to do. Do	402-403
402	5	A. Yes.	5	you see those up on top?	
	6	Q. And isn't part of the ICP bonus based on percentage of	6	MR. MONTGOMERY: I am going to object to the	
	7	reportable accidents and injuries?	7	form. Object to the extent that it mischaracterizes the	l .
	8	MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation.	8	document which speaks for itself.	
Foundation	9	A. There is a safety piece.	9	Q. Okay. So looking at page 9 of Exhibit 1. Would you	\$
1	10	Q. It's about 15 percent, isn't it?	10	tell me what the first of all, are the items listed under	Exhibit
	11	MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation.	11	"Division Manager of Safety" some of the jobs that you would	not
1	12	A. I don't know.	12	have to do under the Safety Action Plan?	Provided
	13	Q. Okay. But there is a component of all managers'	13	A. Yes.	ŀ
	14	bonuses based on personal injuries statistics, correct?	14	Q. Why don't you read those off for me one-at-a-time, and	Fed. R.
	15	MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; asked and answered,	15	we will discuss them. What's the first one?	Evid.
	16	form, foundation.	16	A. "Utilize the 'Operations Testing Division Reporting	402
	17	A. I believe so.	17	Tool' in the auditing and certification of the division testing	
	18	Q. If you're trying	18	program."	mentative
	19	MR. JUNGBAUER: Here is what and I will try	19	Q. All right. Did you use those to comply with the	
	20	and end after this one, counsel, for a break.	20	Safety Action Plan as the division safety manager?	
	21	Q. If you're trying to promote safety at BNSF, how do you	21	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.	
	22	know that your supervisors and managers are not cooking the	22	A. Did I use Operations Testing Division Reporting Tool?	
	23	books to get a bonus if part of their bonus is based on those	2.4	Q. Yeah.	
D-J D	24	statistics?	24	A. Yes, I did.	
Evid.	25	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,	25	Q. How did you do it?	
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	1	incomplete hypothetical, argumentative.	1	A. The Division Reporting Tool is a computer program	
	2	A. I don't know how to answer. How would I as Liz	2	that that runs data on officers testing.	
	3	Jackson know that a manager is cooking the books?	3	Q. Okay. Now, is this testing of the officers or	
	4	Q. No. How would you as Liz Jackson, Safety Manager for	4	officers' efficiency testing of employees that you're monitoring	
	5	the Northwest Division when you were, know whether or not your	5	with this computer program?	
	6	books are being cooked, as far as accident reporting, if there	6	A. This is officers' operations testing.	
i i	7	are financial incentives that affect the bonuses of these	7	Q. Of employees?	
Foundation	8	supervisors who were filling out these reports?	8	A. Of employees.	
Argumenta		MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation,	9	Q. Okay. So before, when I was asking you, as part of	
	10		10	your safety duties, don't you have to find out if supervisors or	
Fed. R. Evid.	11	"argumentative"? And argumentative. Can we get on	10	officers are testing employees to see if they are complying with	
402-403;	12	MR. JUNGBAUER: As soon as she answers the	12	the rules, under page 9 here, the very first thing, that would	
Assumes	13	question.	13	be one of the things you're supposed to monitor, isn't it?	
races not m		MR. MONTGOMERY: It's not an answerable	14	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.	
evidence	15 16	question. MP HINGRALIER: It is She can say she knows	15 16	A. I am to monitor if they did perform their operations testing.	
	17	MR. JUNGBAUER: It is. She can say she knows, she doesn't know, or doesn't care, whatever she wants to say.	17	Q. So what you're doing is you're as part of your	
	18	A. I don't know how to answer that question.	18	safety job, you're supposed to be seeing if the supervisors are	9
	19	MR, JUNGBAUER: Okay. We can take a break.	19	out seeing if employees are through operations testing, are	
	20	(Short recess.)	20	following the rules, correct?	
	21	MR. JUNGBAUER: Back on the record.	21	MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. For the	
	22	Q. During the break, I had a chance to	22	record, Mr. Jungbauer, again, this is very simple FELA case,	
	23	MR. MONTGOMERY: Is this a 15-round match?	23	whether or not Mr. Wallis was injured by BNSF negligence, and if	
		MR. JUNGBAUER: I intend to.			
	24	MIN. JUNGBAUEN, THIERIGIO.	24	so, her damages. And I believe this is well affeld of that, but	
	24 25	MR. MONTGOMERY: Sorry to interrupt.	24 25	so, her damages. And I believe this is well afield of that, but go ahead.	

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MR. JUNGBAUER: I will tell you what I am asking. I am asking whether or not, as manager of safety, part of her job, according to Exhibit 1, was to go check and see whether the supervisors of Sue Duff were doing operations testing on Sue Duff to see if she understood the rules of when she is supposed to stop her engines.

Q. That's what I am asking you. Isn't that your job under that?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Boy. Object to the form. MR. JUNGBAUER: That's about as straight as I can make it, Tom.

MR. MONTGOMERY: Incomplete hypothetical. You can save a lot of time at these deps by just getting to it. MR. JUNGBAUER: That's right to it. That's

right there.

MR. MONTGOMERY: There you go.

Q. Do you understand my question? 17

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18 A. I understand your question. However, my job was to 19 use the Division Reporting Tool in order to pull this 20 information together. It is not to verify the quality of operations testing. That is the job of those officers 21 22 supervising. Not mine.

23 Q. As a safety manager, do you know one way or the other 24 whether or not, from the monitoring that you did, whether or not 25 a hostler such as Sue Duff was ever tested to see whether she

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Q. Okay. And that's -- you have to know that rule among other rules, correct?

A. 5.3.3, "Signal Disappearance," states, "If a person

disappears who is giving the signal to back or shove a train

engine or car or the light being used disappears, the employee

must stop movement unless employee on leading car controls the

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. I will point out this is a 2010 edition of the GCOR, but go ahead and answer.

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Q. That rule is the same rule back in -- at the time you were safety manager, too, wasn't it?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation.

14 A. (No response.)

15 Q. Hasn't that always been the rule as long as you've 16 been taught, that if a person giving hand signals disappears from view, that that's a stop? 17

MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; foundation, form.

A. As far as to my knowledge, this is the rule in the GCOR, and I believe it was the same in -- or, during my tenure as a manager of safety.

Q. As a manager of safety, did you do anything ever to check whether or not employees that were operating locomotives 24 complied with that rule?

25 A. No.

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understood that if an employee giving hand signals to her on moving locomotives disappears from sight, whether that's an absolute stop under GCOR or not?

3 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete 4 5 hypothetical; to some extent, calls for speculation.

A. That was not my job.

MR. MONTGOMERY: Foundation.

8 Q. And so even though somebody says on this computer program, "Hey, we did operations testing," do you know what rule 9 10 or rules they were testing on? Can you check that out to see if they ever checked on this 11 12

stop-when-someone-disappears-from-sight rule? 13

MR. MONTGOMERY: You're going to have to hear this question read back again, I am sorry, what he is telling you.

Q. All right. I am going to show you GCOR. You're 16 17 supposed to know that, right?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

19 O. It's part of your job to know GCOR, correct? 20

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Which job?

Q. Any job at -- that you have had, either as safety 21

manager or your current job, you have to know GCOR, correct? 22 23

A. When I -- yes.

24 Q. All right. And I am going to show you Rule 5.3.3,

"Signal Disappearance." Would you read that out loud, please. 25

MR. MONTGOMERY: Give me a second. Continue pausing, please. I would have interjected an objection there.

3 Q. As manager of safety, did you ever do any checking to 4 see if supervisors who did operations testing or efficiency 5 testing of employees checked it to see if Rule 5.3.3 was being 6 complied with?

7 A. Can you restate that?

Q. Yes. Did you do anything as manager of safety to 8 9 check to see if the supervisors who were doing testing of 10 employees ever tested their employees on Rule 5.3.3?

11 MR. MONTGOMERY: Asked and answered.

A. No.

Q. Can I see both of those again? 13

14 A. Uh-huh.

15 Q. The second duty of the division manager of safety on page 9 of Exhibit 1; would you read that out loud, please. 16

A. No. 2 states, "Provide a monthly OPT certification

report to the Regional Vice President, Division General Manager, 18 19 Senior Manager Field Safety. This certification report will

20 include items listed in the Management Instructions and LOL

21 monthly certification."

22 Q. What is that? I don't know what those letters stand 23 for.

24 What is what? A.

25 Q. Tell me what you're providing.

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Page 54 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

- "OPT" stands for operations testing. 2 A.
- 3 Q. Okay.

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- A. Monthly, I would provide to those leaders a report 4
- 5 that -- that summarizes all of the operations testing data for
- 6 that month.
- 7 Q. Okay. So you'd write a report to even one of the vice 8 presidents of the railroad?
- 9 A. Yes.
- Q. And you'd monthly tell that vice president about the 10
- 11 types of testing of employees, operations testing that's going
- 12 on?
- 13 A. It was in a summarized form. So I would perform -- I
- would provide summary information of operations tests that were 14 15 completed for the previous month.
- 16 Q. What would be in this summary that you would write?
- A. It was -- it was -- it was general information about 17
- how many tests had been provided; how many failures there had 18
- 19 been.
- 20 Were there quotas ever in some areas where you got to
- 21 do a certain number of tests, and you've got to have a certain
- 22 number of failures?

Q. Yes.

- 23 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation;
- 24 to some extent, argumentative.
- 25 A. There are two different questions --

- also included.
- 2 A. "Provide training, maintenance and support for
- 3 superintendents and middle managers in the reporting and 4
- measurement process of the respective testing programs."
- 5 Q. Did you provide any training to these middle managers 6 on how to do testing?

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- 7 MR, MONTGOMERY: You're talking about ops 8 testing?
 - MR. JUNGBAUER: Yes.
 - A. No, I did not -- I did not provide training for
- superintendents and middle managers regarding operations 11
- 12 testing. However, I did, as No. 3 states, provide training,
- 13 maintenance and support in the reporting and measurement process 14 of the respective testing programs.
- Q. Okay. How did you measure their testing? How did you 15 16 train them to do that?
- 17 A. In this context in No. 3, reporting and measurement 18 process is in regards to using the computer program to enter 19 their ops testing.
- 20 Q. So again, they can tell -- are they just telling you
- 21 they have done a certain number of tests, or are you
- 22 qualitatively looking at if they are doing the tests correctly
- 23 or not? Do you -- as a safety manager, do you have any idea if
- 24 these people that were doing their operations testings were
- 25 correctly doing the testing?

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- 2 A. -- in that question.
- Q. Are there quotas, to your knowledge? 3
- 4 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.
- 5 Q. Have there ever been quotas used for this type of
- 6 testing?

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- 7 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. And again,
- 8 for the record, you're so far afield of a very simple FELA case.
- 9 A. There were no quotas on failure rates.
- 10 Q. Have you ever heard of a team from Texas coming in and
- auditing someone in the Northwest Division because there weren't 11
- 12 enough failures?
- 13 A. No.
- Q. It's never happened? 14
- MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection. That's a different 15 question. Objection; foundation and form and argumentative.
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- A. To my knowledge, no one from Fort Worth was called out 18 to verify testing data.
- 19 Q. Has someone been called out from anywhere else to
- 20 verify testing data in the Northwest Division?
- 21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Form and foundation.
- 22 A. Not to my knowledge.
- 23 Q. Okay. Can I see the form again, please?
- 24 A. Uh-huh.
- 25 Q. Number 3; would you read that, what your job duties

- MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, asked and
- 3 A. As I previously stated, I summarize the information.
- 4 I did not oversee the quality of the operations testing.
 - Q. Okay. Can I see the sheet?
- 6 A. (Witness complies.)
- 7 Q. Number 4.

answered.

- A. Number 4 states, "Assist in the production and
- analysis of all 72 hour reports, corrective action plans, and
- 10 the monthly Management Oversight Certification Program."
 - Q. What did you do to comply with that?
 - A. That is very broad. You mean in respect to --
- 13 Q. Analysis. How did you analyze accidents?
- 14 A. Number --
- 15 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object; assumes facts not in
- 16 evidence, form. Go ahead.
 - A. Number 4 states that I would assist in the production
- 18 and analysis of all 72 hour reports.
- 19 Q. Okay.
- 20 A. That is not accidents.
- 21 Okay. What's a 72 hour report?
- 22 A. A 72 hour report is a report generated by the officer when a specific incident occurs, in regards to rail equipment
- 23 24 incidents.
- 25 Q. Does it have anything to do with personal injury

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Page 58 Fed. R. reporting? them? Evid. 2 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, A. No. 402 If a locomotive -- or, three locomotives strike 3 argumentative. Is it -another locomotive, isn't that supposed to be reported on the 72 4 MR. JUNGBAUER: I am just verifying that the 4 5 manager of safety doesn't know the eight most significant 5 hour report? 6 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation. 6 violations there are. 7 7 That's equipment striking equipment. Q. You only know five of them, right? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 8 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, asked and 8 9 incomplete hypothetical. answered, argumentative. 9 At this time, I cannot remember the other three. 10 A. No. That would not cause a 72 hour report to be 10 11 generated. 11 Q. Okay. Well, let's talk about the ones you do 12 Q. Why not? 12 remember. Riding equipment to a joint; what does that mean? 13 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 13 A. It means that if an employee was riding the side of a Q. Excuse me. What's the criteria for a 72 hour report 14 boxcar, that they cannot couple into other equipment while they 14 Fed. R. to be generated? 15 are riding the side of that boxcar. 15 Evid. MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 16 Q. Okay. And if there was -- if you had knowledge -- and 16 402 A. A 72 hour report would be generated if there was a --17 does that also apply to riding engines? That you don't ride on 17 a significant human factor incident such as a main line the side of an engine when -- to actually couple onto another 18 authority violation or a eight-deadly violation. 19 engine? That that's a violation? 19 20 O. A what? 20 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 21 A. Eight-deadly violation. 21 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. Q. You said "riding equipment." Doesn't that include a 22 Like the eight deadly sins? What's "eight-deadly"? 22 23 MR. MONTGOMERY: "Eight" space "deadly," I 23 locomotive? 24 MR. MONTGOMERY: Same objections. believe. 24 Q. Eight deadly? You mean like someone --25 A. Yes. A locomotive is a piece of equipment. 25 Page 59 MR. MONTGOMERY: Eight -- eight deadly. Eight Okay. So if Ms. Wallis was on a locomotive, and she 1 is riding that locomotive, and for some reason, the person 2 deadly. that's running those locomotives decides not to stop the 3 Q. All right. So if you have got a main line authority 4 violation or a deadly, like someone getting killed? Is that locomotives before coupling onto another locomotive, she has got 5 to get off that locomotive, right? what you said? MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, A. No. "Eight" as in the letter -- or, as in the number 6 7 "eight" -calls for speculation, incomplete hypothetical. A. If -- if an employee was riding the side of a 8 Q. Number "eight"? 9 -- deadly. locomotive -- in our made-up scenario, if an employee was riding What is a number "eight" deadly violation? 10 the side of a locomotive, yes, they should stop the locomotive, 10 A. There are eight -- eight --11 dismount, and make the coupling. MR. MONTGOMERY: Go ahead. And by the way, what 12 Q. Okay. Because they are not allowed to ride the 12 locomotive to the coupling, correct? 13 this has to do with Ms. Wallis's --13 MR. JUNGBAUER: I will show you in a second. I 14 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete 14 Fed. R. 15 hypothetical, calls for speculation. am getting there. 15 Evid. 16 A. With the circumstances that I am presented, that is 16 402 17 MR. MONTGOMERY: Please do. 17 correct. 18 A. There are eight deadly rules violations that are 18 Q. Okay. Argument 19 considered significant rules violations. 19 A. But there are other circumstances.

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Q. What are they?

A. Riding equipment to a joint. Shoving. On and off

equipment. Running in the performance of duties. Foul of

Q. So there is three more eight-deadly violations, and

even though you were the manager of safety, you can't remember

tracks. And I can't remember the other three right now.

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Q. Well, here is one of the questions I have got for you.

Ms. Wallis's accident involves riding the side of a locomotive

that collides with another locomotive in coupling and she gets

off, doesn't that sound like facts that you should investigate

as one of the potential eight-deadly rule violations maybe by

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Assumes facts not in evidence Page 62 Page 64 present, then it would trigger a 72 hour report. the hostler --2 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection. What's the second -- the second thing you talked 3 Q. -- for not stopping the train? about, the eight deadly rules? What's this about shoving? What 4 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, does shoving have to do with an eight-deadly rules violation? 5 assumes facts not in evidence, incomplete hypothetical, calls 5 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the extent it 6 mischaracterizes earlier testimony, form. 6 for speculation. 7 7 A. It was not my job as manager of safety to investigate A. Shoving is one of the eight-deadly rules violations. 8 an eight-deadly. Q. Shoving, itself, is okay to do; it just has to be done 9 Q. All right. Did you do a 72 hour rule follow-up as in a correct manner, correct? 10 required by Exhibit 1 for Ms. Wallis's accident, yes or no? A. That is correct. 10 Q. All right. So if the locomotive consist is shoving, A. Exhibit --11 11 12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Hang on. Thank you. I think 12 wouldn't that also be a potential triggering event that would 13 your answer will cover my objection, but object to the form, and 13 cause a 72 hour review in Ms. Wallis's case? 14 assumes facts not in evidence, mischaracterizes prior testimony, 14 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, and the document speaks for itself. Go ahead. 15 15 incomplete hypothetical. THE WITNESS: Sorry. Can you repeat the A. I am not familiar with Mrs. Wallis's case and whether 16 16 17 17 question. the locomotives were shoving or how they were being moved, so (The last question was read.) 18 18 A. No. I am not required to do a 72 hour report. 19 19 Q. If the locomotives were being shoved, wouldn't that be Exhibit 1 states that I will assist in the production and 20 a potential triggering event for a 72 hour safety review? 20 analysis of all 72 hour reports. MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, calls for 21 21 question Q. Okay. 22 22 speculation, incomplete hypothetical, assumes facts not in 23 A. Not complete them. 23 evidence. Strike that last objection. I am sorry. Fed. R. 24 Q. Did you assist in the analysis of the report regarding 24 A. I do not know if the locomotives were being shoved. Evid. Ms. Wallis's accident as required by Rule 1 since riding on 25 Q. I am asking -- okay. In any situation, whether it's 402-403 Assumes Page 65 Page 63 facts not equipment was involved, one of the eight deadly rules? Ms. Wallis's case or not, if you have got three locomotives in a MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Assumes consist, and if the locomotives are being shoved -- not pulling, 2 evidence facts not in evidence. 3 shoving -- that would be a potential triggering event if an A. I would analyze these reports, not the incident. 4 accident occurs, under the 72 hour reporting rule, correct? Did you analyze the report in Ms. Wallis's accident? 5 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, calls for 6 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; assumes facts not in speculation, incomplete hypothetical. evidence. 7 A. Moving locomotives in a reverse move is not a shoving A. I would analyze the report for completeness; for 8 move. That is a reverse movement. Fed. R. completeness and corrective action, follow-up, et cetera. 9 Q. What is -- does it depend which direction you're going 10 Q. Did you do that with regard to Ms. Wallis's situation? 10 from the point of view of the hostler in control or engineer in 11 control? And are you referring to main line movements or yard 11 Q. Okay. And what did you -- did you conclude that any 12 12 movements when you're saying that, do you know? Foundation ;13 corrective action needed to be taken, after analyzing that A. Sir, you have given me so many different scenarios, 13 14 examples, movements, and I am not sure exactly what you are Assumes 15 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection to form. Assumes 15 looking -- I -- I am not sure exactly what you're looking for. facts not facts not in evidence. 16 16 Q. Here is my problem. You were the manager of safety A. Actually, I need to state something. I -- I can't 17 17 for the whole Northwest Division. And all of these employees -evidence remember if there was a 72 hour report generated on specifically the hostlers, the hostler helpers, the conductors and 18 18 Jeanette Wallis's case because as I previously stated, injuries 19 engineers -- they have to know all these rules just like you do 20 were not a -- a triggering event for a 72 hour report. 20 off the top of their head. In fact, you're supposed to --Q. Okay. But one of the -- the first thing you said, the 21 you're on-duty right now, technically, correct? 21 22 22 eight-deadly rules violations are triggering events, correct? MR. MONTGOMERY: I move to strike the prior as 23 23 A. If -- if those "eight-deadly's" are discovered by an argumentative; something of a diatribe given the total tenor of 24 outside test team such as the test team you referred to earlier 24 your voice. 25 from Fort Worth, if they discovered that without an officer MR. JUNGBAUER: Oh, come on. I am being very

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Page 66 Page 68 calm here. You know that, Tom. here so please move on Q. My point -- okay. One of the other things that you 2 MR. MONTGOMERY: You are being relatively calm, 3 but your voice inflexion is noted -- notable. said is a triggering event for a 72 hour report is violation of 4 Q. Are you on-duty right now, technically? main line authority, correct? 5 5 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. A. That is correct. 6 A. Yes. 6 Q. So if Ms. Sue Duff, after the accident involving my 7 Q. Okay. You're supposed to have your GCOR and rule client, Ms. Wallis, happens to take a locomotive out onto the books available at all times when you're on-duty, technically, main line and violate main line authority, that would be 8 something that should have a 72 hour rule, wouldn't it? 9 10 10 MR, MONTGOMERY: Objection to the form, and MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the --11 argumentative. 11 Q. A rule -- 72 hour reporting? 12 A. I am not a train engine or yardman employee. 12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 13 Q. Are you, under the rules, supposed to have your rule 13 incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation, assumes facts books available when you're on-duty? 14 not in evidence. 14 vidence 15 A. As I stated, I am not a train engineman or yardman. 15 A. So what are you -- what are you asking me? Q. I am going to show you Rule 1.3.1 and ask you to read Q. I am asking this: If you as the safety manager were 16 16 Incomplete to have learned that Sue Duff or any other employee violated hypothetical whether that applies only to train departments. I'll circle 17 17 that for you. Please read that out loud. main line authority by taking a locomotive out onto the main 18 18 19 MR. MONTGOMERY: Where are we? 19 line when they are not -- without proper authority, that Fed. R. 20 MR, JUNGBAUER: The little bracketed part there. 20 incident should have triggered a 72 hour report, correct? A. Rule 1.3.1? 21 21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, calls for 22 22 O. Yeah. The part I have got the little bracket around speculation, incomplete hypothetical. 23 there. 23 A. That is correct. A. "General Code of Operating Rules. Employees governed 24 24 Q. Did you ever do an analysis of a 72 hour report 25 by these rules must have a current copy they can refer to while 25 regarding Sue Duff taking a locomotive out onto the main line Page 67 Page 69 without proper authority? on duty." 2 2 Q. Okay. You're governed by those rules, correct? A. Not that I can remember. MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. Hold on. Q. If Ms. Duff had or any other employee had, when you 3 4 I am going to keep hold of it so that she can have a current were manager of safety, taken a locomotive out onto -- without 5 copy that she can refer to while on-duty. Go ahead. authority onto the main line, what type of analysis would you do 6 Mr. Jungbauer, if you find this area refreshing and fruitful, to make sure that never happens again? 7 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete great. 8 8 MR. JUNGBAUER: The reason it is refreshing and hypothetical, calls for speculation, assumes facts not in 9 fruitful is, look, my client and other employees are judged all 9 10 the time by rules that the manager of safety doesn't even know, 10 A. My analysis was in regards to the actual physical 11 11 and she is supposed to know them. That -- I find that unfair. report, not to the incident, nor making sure that the incident 12 MR. MONTGOMERY: Ask the question --12 was not to occur again. 13 Q. Do you know --MIK. MONTGOMERY: Did I say "asked and answered" 14 MR. MONTGOMERY: -- all you want. You can ask 14 If I missed it, I should have. Sorry. 15 15 me about the rules, but that's just preposterous. Move on. Q. Who in the Safety Department, if anyone, tries to determine when serious breaches occur such as violating main Q. Do you -- isn't it true that you're supposed to have 16 17 the General Code of Rules -- of Operating Rules available if 17 line authority? Doesn't anybody go back and see, was this 18 needed while on-duty, according to that rule? 18 person trained enough? Did he or she know the rules well enough 19 A. In my opinion, I am a supervisor in an office setting 19 so that it doesn't happen again? Does anybody ever do that in 20 here for a deposition on a case that I know very little about, 20 the Safety Department? 21 and I am not moving trains, equipment, nor am I required to get 21 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete 22 any main line authority, et cetera, that would make any rule in 22 hypothetical, calls for speculation, asked and answered. 23 this book applicable to what I am doing right now. So no, I do 23 A. Can you -- can you ask me that again? not need the General Code of Operating Rules with me right now. 24 24 Yes. I will try to ask it a different way. 25 25 MR. MONTGOMERY: That said, she has it right A. Thank you.

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Page 70 Page 72 O. To your knowledge, does anyone in the Safety No, I do not need the rule, but can you --2 Compound Department go out and check after a rule violation such as Yes. Are you aware of a rule that says that coupling 3 taking an engine out onto main line without proper authority -should be made at four miles an hour or less? and you agree that's a very serious offense, especially if Assumes Amtrak and the Metro line -- what do you call it? The Sounder, 5 Q. Okay. So how does a locomotive engineer -facts not in are running through that kind of track? That would be a very 6 MR. MONTGOMERY: I think it says no more than evidence 7 four -- sorry, sorry. I would have objected to foundation. serious offense, wouldn't it? 8 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, calls for Didn't need to. But with that objection --Fed. R. 9 MR. JUNGBAUER: I think that sounded right, four speculation. Evid. 10 Q. Endangering public lives? 10 402 or less. MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 11 MR. MONTGOMERY: I'm not sure. That's why I am 11 12 12 A. "Yes" to that question. And the question, "Yes," that saying. Incomplete 13 is a very significant event. Taking equipment out on the main 13 Q. It's four miles an hour or less, correct? Is that hypothetica line without authority is a significant event. 14 your understanding? Q. All right. It's one of the most significant events 15 MR. MONTGOMERY: It doesn't matter. 15 Calls for that can be analyzed, correct? 16 MR. JUNGBAUER: All right. Well, okay. If 16 speculation 17 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 17 you're saying it doesn't matter, counsel, I will move on. 18 A. It is a very significant event that can be observed. 18 O. Here is my question. For whatever the speed is for 19 Q. All right. Well, if it occurs, since it is such a 19 safe coupling, be it four miles an hour or less, or whatever the 20 significant event, wouldn't -- is there anyone in the Safety 20 speed is, how would you expect your locomotive engineer or Department that would go back and look at the training and rules hostler to gauge the speed that the engine is being shoved at? 21 21 compliance and testing on that individual to see if there is 22 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation, 23 23 something wrong with the training program or there is something calls for speculation, incomplete hypothetical. 24 wrong with the individual that caused that serious event? 24 A. You're asking me how I would expect a hostler to know? 25 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete 25 Q. Yeah. How are they supposed to know what speed they Page 7 Page 73 hypothetical, calls for speculation, asked and answered. are going? A. I can answer the question in regards to my position, 2 2 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, calls for 3 but I cannot answer it for the rest of the Safety Department. 3 speculation, incomplete hypothetical. O. All right. So as manager of safety for the Northwest 4 Q. Do you know? Division, if such an event occurs in your territory, be it a 5 A. If the hostler was on the locomotive, they can utilize 6 main line violation or a violation of one of the eight-deadly the speedometer. 7 7 rules violations, do you as manager of safety ever look in to Q. Okay. Would you agree that's the safest and most see whether the person who committed those violations was 8 accurate way to gauge speed -properly trained? 9 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection --10 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, asked and 10 Q. -- in a locomotive, for a hostler or a locomotive answered, incomplete hypothetical. 11 11 engineer? A. No. 12 MR. MONTGOMERY: What's the question? What's Q. Okay. Another question for you. You are aware, 13 13 the safest and --14 aren't you, that there are speed limits of safe coupling for 14 MR. JUNGBAUER: Most -- what did I say? equipment in rail yards? 15 15 (The last question was read.) MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. It assumes 16 16 A. I do not know if I can make that conclusion. I have 17 facts not in evidence. 17 never been a locomotive engineer. And as a manager of safety, question Fed. R. A. If you mean correct speeds in which cars can be kicked 18 18 that was not my position. Evid. 19 and coupled, yes. 19 Q. As a manager of safety, you want trains to couple at 402 20 Q. Yes. Okay. If an engineer or a hostler in a 20 safe speeds to comply with the rules as a general safety 21 locomotive is shoving equipment to a joint, and a joint is 21 concept. Would you agree with that? 22 supposed to, under the rules, be made at less than four miles an 22 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 23 hour, or four miles an hour or less, would you agree to that? 23 MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form. 24 Q. Okay. How would you want your employees to take the 24 Assumes 25 Q. Do you need the rule? 25 safest course engaging their speed of their locomotive? facts not in

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MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation. 2

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Q. Okay. So if a locomotive engineer or a hostler has a speedometer available to him or her to gauge speed, and we agree that that's the most accurate way of gauging speed, would you expect that person, in trying to comply with speed limits, to use the speedometer or just look out the window and count ties or try to guesstimate the speed of the train?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, incomplete hypothetical, calls for speculation, mischaracterizes earlier testimony, a little argumentative, asked and answered.

A. I believe you're asking me a question that I cannot answer, given my position and experience.

Q. All right. But as safety manager for the whole Northwest Division, you would want your employees to take the safest -- safe course if there is different options; if you've got a speedometer to look at. If there is nothing else to measure the speed at, would you want that person to at least glance at the speedometer once in awhile; see if they are in compliance with the rules?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, assumes facts not in evidence, incomplete hypothetical, foundation.

A. It is not my job -- or, it was not my job as manager of safety to make a judgment decision for an employee on what

Page 76 Q. Wouldn't you expect, common sense, for an engineer to

use the speedometer in his or her locomotive as opposed just 3 looking out the window and guessing on the speed?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, asked and answered, calls for speculation, incomplete hypothetical.

A. As I stated before, I have not been a locomotive engineer, nor was it my position to make a judgment call on whether or not -- or, how that engineer operated that locomotive and what they felt was a safe speed.

> MR. JUNGBAUER: Off the record a second. (Short recess.)

MR. JUNGBAUER: Back on the record.

Q. According to the safety rules in GCOR, when train movements are being directed by hand signals, if the last signal given to a hostler in control of a locomotive or an engineer is three car lengths and no other signal is received, what is the obligation of the person operating the locomotive?

18 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; incomplete 19 hypothetical.

A. With the information that you have given me would be to stop within half that car count.

22 Q. Okay. And finally, during the time you were safety manager of the Northwest Division, how was the Northwest 23 24 Division rated for injury performance compared to the other 12 divisions? There are published numbers on that each year,

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they deem as a safe course or not.

Q. Okay. Well, who -- doesn't the Safety Department do the analysis and testing and research to determine what is or is not safe or recommended for employees?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form, foundation.

A. I did the analysis and research and pulling of data on operations testing but not --

THE WITNESS: Pardon me. Can you repeat his question.

(The last question was read.)

A. I can speak to the manager of safety position. I cannot speak to the Safety Department.

Q. Okay. So again, for the whole Safety Department, in all the training that you have seen and the meetings you have been to, no one's ever talked about accident prevention from the Safety Department in a situation like this; is that correct?

MR. MONTGOMERY: Object to the form.

18 A. I don't understand your question.

Q. When you drive -- you drive a car, correct?

20 A. Yes.

21 Q. If you drive down the road, and you're trying to

22 comply with the speed limit, do you use your speedometer or just

23 look out the window and try to guesstimate how fast you're

24 going?

A. I use my speedometer.

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A. Would you like me to answer both of those questions, or those statements?

Q. Is it true you were bottom or second to the bottom of the whole pack?

A. I cannot remember the exact number --

Q. What do you remember?

A. -- ranking we were.

Q. What do you remember?

10 A. I know that we were -- we had higher injury frequency 11 ratios than other divisions, but I do not remember what ranking 12 we were.

13 Wouldn't that be important to you to know if you were 14 at the bottom or second to the bottom of the whole system of 15 BNSF?

16 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; argumentative, 17 assumes facts not in evidence.

18 A. (No response.)

Q. Let me put it this way. Didn't Doug Jones complain to 19 20 you while being at the bottom or second to the bottom of the

21 whole system?

22 MR. MONTGOMERY: Objection; assumes facts not in 23

evidence. 24 A. No.

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MR. JUNGBAUER: I have no further questions.

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MR. MONTGOMERY: I have no questions. (The deposition was concluded, adjourning at 11:13 a.m.) (Signature was reserved.) (Signature was reserved.) 10 11 12 13 14 15 16 17 18 19 20	CERTIFICATE STATE OF WASHINGTON)) ss COUNTY OF PIERCE) I, the undersigned officer of the Court, under my commission as a Notary Public in and for the State of Washington, hereby certify that the foregoing deposition upon oral examination of the witness named herein was taken stenographically before me and thereafter transcribed under my direction; That the witness before examination was first duly sworn by me to testify truthfully; that the transcript of the deposition is a full, true and correct transcript of the testimony, including questions and answers and all objections, motions, and exceptions of counsel made and taken at the time of the foregoing examination; That I am neither attorney for, nor a relative or employee of any of the parties to the action; further, that I am not a relative or employee of any attorney or counsel employed by the parties hereto, nor financially interested in its outcome. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and seal this 7th of June 2010.
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A F F I D A V I T STATE OF WASHINGTON)) ss. COUNTY OF PIERCE) I have read my within deposition, and the same is true and correct, save and except for changes and/or corrections, if any,	STARKOVICH REPORTING SERVICES P.O. BOX 22884 SEATTLE, WASHINGTON 98122 206,323,0919/Fax: 206,328,0632 StarRptSrv@aol.com June 7, 2010 To: Tom Montgomery Montgomery Scarp MacDougall, PLLC Seattle Tower, 27th Floor
as indicated by me on the "CORRECTIONS" flyleaf page hereof. ELIZABETH ANN JACKSON SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN to before me this	I218 Third Avenue Seattle, Washington 98101 Re: Wallis V. BNSF Railway Company Deposition of: Elizabeth Ann Jackson Date Taken: May 20, 2010 Cause No.: 2:08-CV-1711 PLEASE TAKE NOTICE THAT: Enclosed are two forms: "Affidavit" and a "Correction Sheet," Instruct the deponent to review the deposition, record any corrections over his signature on the Correction Sheet, and sign the Affidavit before a Notary Public. If there are corrections, please furnish other counsel with copies, Return both forms to this office for their inclusion in the original transcript. The transcript will be forwarded to the appropriate party
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